# BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING

#### STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION OF NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THREE 1,280-ACRE (OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT) DRILLING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD'S ORDER IN CAUSE NO. 139-113 IN SECTIONS 2 AND 11, 14 AND 23, AND 16 AND 21, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, U.S.M., DUCHESNE COUNTY, UTAH

(1) OBJECTION TO NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION; AND (2) MOTION TO POSTPONE PORTION OF HEARING BEFORE HEARING EXAMINER SET FOR JANUARY 21, 2015

> Docket No. 2015-002 Cause No. 139-127

ROBERT C. BONNET, GARY A. BONNET, DARRELL BRIAN BONNET, GAIL WEHNER BONNET, JAMES T. BONNET, DANTE JAMES HEREDIA, and MICHAEL FABIEN HEREDIA (collectively the "Bonnet Parties"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, Fabian & Clendenin, hereby file their Objection in response to Newfield Production Company's ("Newfield's") above-referenced Request for Agency Action ("Newfield's Request") requesting the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board") for an order pooling all of the interests within three special 1,280-acre drilling units established by the Board's Order entered in Cause No. 139-113, including a drilling unit comprising all of Sections 16 and 21 (hereinafter "the Section 21 Drilling Unit"), Township 3 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M., Duchesne County, Utah.

As more fully explained below, the Bonnet Parties further request that the hearing before a hearing examiner scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in this Cause, for the Section 21 Drilling Unit, be postponed until the Bonnet Parties' Objection is heard before the Board.

The Bonnet Parties' Objection and Motion to Postpone are summarized as follows:

#### I. <u>OBJECTION</u>

- 1. The Bonnet Parties own a 40-acre tract of land in Section 21, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M. (the "40-Acre Tract"). The 40-Acre Tract is included within the Section 21 Drilling Unit in Newfield's Request. The Bonnet Parties own no other land within the Subject Lands in Newfield's Request.
- 2. In 2012, Newfield drilled two wells into and producing from the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations within Section 21, which included the Bonnet Parties' 40-Acre Tract.
- 3. After a long period of negotiation, Newfield and the Bonnet Parties were unsuccessful in attempting to reach an agreement regarding Newfield's lease of the Bonnet Parties' interests or a joint operating agreement with the Bonnet Parties in their 40-Acre Tract. Newfield then began a forced pooling action against the Bonnet Parties at the Board, which continued for many months, until a Stipulation (the "Stipulation") was signed by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties on May 29, 2013, in regard to the forced pooling order. A copy of that Stipulation, filed May 30, 2013, with the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order (the "Forced Pooling Order") regarding the forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' 40-Acre Tract was approved by the Board on June 12, 2013. A copy of the Forced Pooling Order is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 5. When Newfield requested the Board to modify its prior orders and establish the special conditional 1,280-acre drilling units in Cause No. 139-113, the Bonnet Parties, on December 3, 2013, filed their Summary of Opposition and Proposed Order requesting that the

Board apply the Forced Pooling Order, as approved by the Board on June 12, 2013, to each and any well drilled by Newfield in the 40-Acre Tract.

6. In its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated December 19, 2013, the Board rejected the Bonnet Parties' request as being premature, since a spacing order is a prerequisite to a forced pooling order. *Cowling v. Board of Oil, Gas and Mining*, 830 P.2d 220, 226 (Utah 1991). However, in the Board's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, issued December 19, 2013, the Board preserved the Bonnet Parties' right to assert the terms and conditions of the Forced Pooling Order (the 139-99 Order) to apply to any long lateral horizontal well drilled within the 40-Acre Tract:

The Bonnet Group's rights to assert the terms and conditions of the 139-99 Order should apply to any long lateral horizontal well drilled are preserved and may be asserted by the filing of a Request for Agency Action seeking force pooling with respect to the special drilling units established hereunder after such time that they have been provided a "written opportunity to participate" in the drilling of a long lateral well authorized hereunder, and have made an election with respect thereto.

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order at 16.

- 7. Pursuant to Newfield's Request, Newfield now proposes to go through an entirely new forced pooling process with the Bonnet Parties for each of the proposed wells drilled in the Bonnet Parties' 40-Acre Tract. These new forced pooling procedures, for the same 40-Acre Tract, will require a great deal of time and money for the Bonnet Parties, Newfield, the Board, and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, all of which is unnecessary, since the Forced Pooling Order on the 40-Acre Tract has already been stipulated to by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties on May 29, 2013, and approved by the Board on June 12, 2013.
- 8. In order to avoid this duplication of efforts and unnecessary waste of time and money, the Bonnet Parties propose that the Forced Pooling Order, as approved by the Board on June 12, 2013, also apply to each and any well drilled by Newfield in the 40-Acre Tract as proposed in Newfield's Request, and that the Forced Pooling Order be amended only to take into

account the increase in the size of the drilling unit from 640 acres to 1,280 acres with the requisite changes in: (1) the Bonnet Parties' percentage of mineral interest in the drilling unit and (2) the weighted average landowner's royalty in the drilling unit.

#### II. POSTPONEMENT OF PORTION OF HEARING BEFORE HEARING EXAMINER

9. Because the Board should hear the Bonnet Parties' Objection at the Board hearing on January 28, 2015, the hearing scheduled for January 21, 2015 before the hearing examiner is premature as to the Section 21 Drilling Unit, and the January 21 hearing should be postponed as to the Section 21 Drilling Unit at this time.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Rosemary J. Beless

Artemis D. Vamianakis

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Bonnet, Dante James Heredia, and Michael Fabien Heredia

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#### **MAILING CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served via e-mail upon each of the following:

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# EXHIBIT A

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING

#### STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION OF NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THREE DRILLING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD'S ORDERS ENTERED IN CAUSES NOS. 131-51 AND 139-90 IN SECTIONS 2 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, U.S.M., DUCHESNE		STIPULATION  Docket No. 2012-042  Cause No. 139-99	
AND UINTAH COUNTIES, UTAH	)		
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Newfield Production Company is the Petitioner in the above-entitled Cause. On or about November 20, 2012, Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, and Larry W. Love filed an objection ("Objection") to Newfield Production Company's Request for Agency Action ("Request") seeking an order from the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board") pooling all of the oil and gas interests in the drilling unit established by the Board's Order issued in Cause No. 139-90 comprising Section 21, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M., Duchesne County, Utah. The hearing in this Cause has been continued to the Board's May 30, 2013 regularly scheduled hearing. Newfield Production Company ("Newfield") and Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, Larry W. Love, and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet, deceased (collectively, the "Bonnet Parties") have reached an agreement regarding the issues raised by Newfield's Request in this Cause and the Bonnet Parties' Objection. Accordingly, Newfield and the Bonnet Parties (together, the "Parties"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, hereby enter the following Stipulation in this Cause.

- 1. The Bonnet Parties stipulate to the proffer and admission of Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.1 (Leased Mineral Interests, Thorne #4-21-3-2WH Well), 3-C.2 (Non-Consenting Owners, Thome #4-21-3-2WH Well), 3-D.1 (Leased Mineral Interests, Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well), 3-D.2 (Non-Consenting Owners, Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well), 8-C (Weighted Average Royalty, Thorne #4-21-3-2WH Well), and 8-D (Weighted Average Royalty, Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well), copies of which are attached hereto as Attachment "A."
- 2. The Board may enter an order in this Cause approving Newfield's Request that is substantially equivalent to the [Proposed] Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order (the "Order") attached hereto as Attachment "B."
- Of the A.A.P.L. Form 610-1989 Model Form Operating Agreement attached to that certain Transmittal Letter dated May 29, 2013, from Thomas Clawson, on behalf of Newfield to Rosemary Beless, on behalf of the Bonnet Parties (the "JOA"), contains terms which may be adopted as part of this forced pooling Order to govern the relationship between Newfield, as the Operator of the drilling unit comprising Section 21, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M. (the "Subject Lands") and the Subject Wells (as defined in the Request), and the Bonnet Parties to the extent those terms address issues not expressly addressed in the Order and Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and are not inconsistent or in conflict with the Order and Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5. The Parties agree that the JOA is a sample form only, which has been agreed to by the Parties only for the purposes of facilitating the issuance of the Order and does not represent a signed agreement among the Parties. Accordingly, there is no written agreement for the pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interest in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands. The JOA provides for a reasonable non-consent penalty

as agreed to by the Parties that is in the range from 150% to 300%. The Parties desire to keep the exact value of the non-consent penalty confidential.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2013.

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# CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this <u>29 & day of May, 2013</u>, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Stipulation to be served via U.S. Mail, properly addressed with postage prepaid, upon each of the following:

Steven F. Alder Assistant Attorney General Board of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84116 Michael S. Johnson Assistant Attorney General Board of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

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#### ATTACHMENT "A"

(to STIPULATION; Docket No. 2012-042; Cause No. 139-99)

(Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.1, 3-C.2, 3-D.1, 3-D.2, 8-C, and 8-D)

Newfield Production Company Docket No. 2012-042 Cause No. 139-99

Revised Land Exhibit 3-C.1

#### **LEASED MINERAL INTERESTS**

### Thorne 4-21-3-2WH

Leased Mineral Owner	Mineral Interest
Ute Indian Tribe & Ute Distribution Corp (14-20-H62-6269)	0.125
Florence Phillips Marimon Trust, Florence Phillips Marimon and Nancy J. Martin, Trustee's Flora Scott, by David Sam, attorney-in-fact Joseph Sam and wife, Frances Sam Harriett Sam Susan F. Earnest aka Susan F. Wright and husband Charles P. Earnest Sharron F. Lamb and husband Edward R. Lamb Lajeune Dillman, a wldow Sarah M. Coe Trust, Mary C. Stout, trustee Marilyn T Bone J Kay Thorne Keyne Thorne	0,008015625 0.00384375 0.00384375 0.003839531 0.01953125 0.01953125 0.011515625 0.008015625 0.005208331 0.005208331
Latina Scott Melita Guy Eric Nielson Janice Penney Ashley Higginson Leda H. Thorne	0.002604169 0.002604169 0.002604169 0.005208333 0,002604169 _0.0234375
Faye Higginson, an indvidual dealing in her sole and separate property Judy C Peterson and Melvin M Peterson, w/h Richard D. Young and Mary Lavon Young, heirs to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate Thora Fritts, heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate Marilyn K. Young, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate Hilda Hawkeswood, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate Rae Jeree Schulte Ellen V. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, her agent & a-i-f	0.0234375 0.015625 0.002604166 0.005208313 0.002604166 0.003472225 0.001736113 0.020828125
Daniel H. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, his agent & a-i-f  Pete Hardle & Anita Dickinson by Steven Kenneth Hardle, their agent & a-i-f  Steven Kenneth Hardle, indiv & a-i-f for Bruce K Hardle,	0.020828125 0.0386875 0.044640625
Heather Mavandi, Martin C Hardle & Thomas Alan Hardle  Alzada Company Trust	0.121859375

		Duchesne County, a Utah body politic	0.001888281	
		John and Lynda Hagman	0.00125	
		Mercides Pekepovits (14-20-H62-6239)	0.0625	
		Rhoda Francis Hetrick	0.001388889	
		Sandra Lee Clark	0.001388889	
		M. Dee Felter	0,005208333	
		Dahl Ray Jensen, ind & heir to Marianne F. Jensen Est	0.005208333	
		Bonnie Pierce and the Bar F. Partnership	0.005208333	
		Helen Wymer and husband Willis Allen Wymer and the Bar	0.026041625	
		Virginia Felter, an individual dealing in her sole and separate property	0.020833375	
		Dixie Lee Kosec	0.005208334	
		David G. Felter	0.026041666	
		Jolie Opsahl, Ind & co-trustee of Donald M Yack Family	0.001736111	
		Julie M Murdock, ind & trustee of Donald M Yack Family	0.001736111	
		Donni Woods, ind & trustee of Donald M Yack Family Living Tr	0.001736111	
		Carol Felter Henley	0.005208334	2 .
		James Keith Felter	0.00555555	8° ×
		Jasper Lee Felter & wife, Carol Jean Felter	0.005555555	
		Veeda Marie Collier	0.00555555	
		Gala Jan Clark	0.001388889	
		Moon Brothers, LLC by Gwen Taylor, manager	0.01171875	
		Milton Gale Larsen & Darlene Larsen, h/w & heir to Vera	0.0234375	
		Terry Scholes, ind & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd	0.001953125	
27		Kendall L Scholes, ind & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd	0.001953125	<b>5.</b>
		Pauline Poullson & Milton T Poulson, w/h and heirs to Vera Larsen Estate	0.0078125	
		Rae Ann Alldredge, indiv & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd	0.001953125	
	3	Bennie L Scholes, indiv & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd	0.001953125	
		June L Richardson, ind and heir to Vera Larsen Estate	0.0078125	
		Gregory Lowe	0.000558036	
		Michael Lowe	0.000558036	
		Melinda Lowe	0.000558036	
		Jeffrey Lowe	0.000558036	
		Gretchen Lowe	0.000558036	
		Lillija Lowe	0.000558036	
		Lijsa Lowe	0.000558036	
		Mo-Go-Ra-Tats (14-20-H62-5950)	0.0625	
		Poker (Mo-Wits Seah) Jack (14-20-H62-5949)	0.056816619	
2		Paul N Mascarenas	0.00038172	
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		Leroy Amoz Diaz Angela Rose Diaz	0.00038172	

Willamae Shavanaux	2	0.001566098
Christina Shavanaux Shepard		0.001445244
Jerry Mascarenas		0.00038175
Johny Diaz		0.00038175
Jody Diaz		0.00038175
Edna Lopez		0.00038175
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TOTAL NEWFIELD LEASEHOLD:

93.75%

Newfield Production Company Docket No. 2012-042 Cause No. 139-99 Revised Land Exhibit 3-C.2

### **NON-CONSENTING OWNERS**

### Thorne 4-21-3-2WH

v		Mineral
Unleased Mineral Owner		<u>Interest</u>
Larry Love	(*)	0.015625
Robert Bonnet		0.015625
Gary Bonnet		0.015625
Estate of Stephen Bonnet		0.015625

TOTAL NEWFIELD LEASEHOLD:

6.25%

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# LEASED MINERAL INTERESTS

# Alzada 11-21-3-2W

<u>Leased Mineral Owner</u>	Mineral <u>Interest</u>
Ute Indian Tribe & Ute Distribution Corp (14-20-H62-6269)	0,125
Florence Phillips Marimon Trust, Florence Phillips Marimon and Nancy J. Martin, Trustee's Flora Scott, by David Sam, attorney-in-fact	0.008015625 0.00384375
Joseph Sam and wife, Frances Sam - Harrlett Sam	0.00384375 0.003839531
Susan F. Earnest aka Susan F. Wright and husband Charles P. Earnest	0.01953125
Sharron F. Lamb and husband Edward R. Lamb Lajeune Dillman, a widow Sarah M. Coe Trust, Mary C. Stout, trustee	0.01953125 0.011515625 0.008015625 0,005208331
Marilyn T Bone J Kay Thorne Keyne Thorne	0.005208331 0.005208331
Latina Scott Melita Guy Eric Nielson Janice Penney	0,002604169 0,002604169 0,002604169 0,005208333
Ashley Higginson Leda H. Thorne Faye Higginson, an indvidual dealing in her sole and separate	0.002604169 0.0234375
property  Judy C Peterson and Melvin M Peterson, w/h	0.0234375 0.015625
Richard D. Young and Mary Lavon Young, heirs to John H &	0.002604166
Cora J Hawkswood Estate Thora Fritts, helr to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate	0.005208313
Marilyn K. Young, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate	0.002604166
Hilda Hawkeswood, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate	0,003472225
Rae Jeree Schulte Ellen V. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, her agent & a-i-f	0.001736113 0.020828125
Daniel H. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, his agent & a-i-f	0.020828125
Pete Hardle & Anita Dickinson by Steven Kenneth Hardle, their agent & a-i-f	0.0386875
Steven Kenneth Hardle, indiv & a-i-f for Bruce K Hardle, Heather Mavandi, Martin C Hardle & Thomas Alan Hardle	0.044640625
Alzada Company Trust	0.121859375

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John and Lynda H		0.00125	
John and Lynda H	rits (14-20-H62-6239)	0.0625	
Rhoda Francis He		0.001388889	
Sandra Lee Clark		0.001388889	
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	ind & heir to Marianne F. Jensen Est	0.005208333	
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James Keith Felte		0.005555555	
Jasper Lee Felter	& wife, Carol Jean Felter	0.005555555	
Veeda Marie Colli	er	0.005555555	
Gala Jan Clark		0,001388889	
Moon Brothers, Ll	_C by Gwen Taylor, manager	0.01171875	
Larsen Est.	n & Darlene Larsen, h/w & heir to Vera	0.0234375	
Terry Scholes, inc	& heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd	0.001953125	
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June L Richardso	n, ind and heir to Vera Larsen Estate	0.0078125	
Gregory Lowe		0.000558036	
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Gretchen Lowe		0.000558036	
Lillija Lowe		0,000558036	
Liisa Lowe	14	0.000558036	
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	Seah) Jack (14-20-H62-5949)	0.056816619	
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Willamae Shavanaux		0.001566098
Christina Shavanaux Shepard		0.001445244
Jerry Mascarenas		0.00038175
Johhny Diaz	18	0.00038175
Jody Diaz		0.00038175
Edna Lopez		<u>0.00038175</u>

TOTAL NEWFIELD LEASEHOLD:

93.75%

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# **NON-CONSENTING OWNERS**

# Alzada 11-21-3-2W

	Mineral	
Unleased Mineral Owner	<u>Interest</u>	
Larry Love	0.015625	í
Robert Bonnet	0.015625	,
Gary Bonnet	0.015625	j
Estate of Stephen Bonnet	0.015625	,

TOTAL NEWFIELD LEASEHOLD:

6.25%

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### WEIGHTED AVERAGE ROYALTY Thorne 4-21-3-2WH

# Weighted Average Royalty = 17.81535%

Based on the following leases taken as of May 1, 2013:

Ute Indian Tribe & Ute Distribution Corp (14-20-H62-6269)

Florence Phillips Marimon Trust, Florence Phillips Marimon and Nancy J. Martin, Trustee's

Flora Scott, by David Sam, attorney-in-fact

Joseph Sam and wife, Frances Sam

Harriett Sam

Susan F. Earnest aka Susan F. Wright and husband Charles P. Earnest

Sharron F, Lamb and husband Edward R. Lamb

Lajeune Dillman, a widow

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Steven Kenneth Hardle, indiv & a-i-f for Bruce K Hardle, Heather Mavandi, Martin C Hardle & Thomas Alan Hardle

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Duchesne County, a Utah body politic

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Bennie L Scholes, indiv & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd

June L Richardson, ind and heir to Vera Larsen Estate

Gregory Lowe -

Michael Lowe

Melinda Lowe

Jeffrey Lowe

Gretchen Lowe

Lillija Lowe

Liisa Lowe

Mo-Go-Ra-Tats (14-20-H62-5950)

Poker (Mo-Wits Seah) Jack (14-20-H62-5949)

Paul N Mascarenas

Leroy Amoz Diaz

Angela Rose Diaz

Willamae Shavanaux

Christina Shavanaux Shepard

Jerry Mascarenas

Johnny Diaz

Jody Diaz

Edna Lopez

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# WEIGHTED AVERAGE ROYALTY Alzada 11-21-3-2W

### Weighted Average Royalty = 17.81535%

Based on the following leases taken as of May 1, 2012:

Ute Indian Tribe & Ute Distribution Corp (14-20-H62-6269)

Florence Phillips Marimon Trust, Florence Phillips Marimon and Nancy J. Martin, Trustee's

Flora Scott, by David Sam, attorney-in-fact

Joseph Sam and wife, Frances Sam

Harriett Sam

Susan F. Earnest aka Susan F. Wright and husband Charles P. Earnest

Sharron F. Lamb and husband Edward R. Lamb

Lajeune Dillman, a widow

Sarah M. Coe Trust, Mary C. Stout, trustee

Marilyn T Bone

J Kay Thorne

Keyne Thorne

Latina Scott

Melita Guy

Eric Nielson

Janice Penney

Ashley Higginson

Leda H. Thorne

Faye Higginson, an indvidual dealing in her sole and separate property

Judy C Peterson and Melvin M Peterson, w/h

Richard D. Young and Mary Lavon Young, heirs to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate

Thora Fritts, heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate

Marilyn K. Young, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate

Hilda Hawkeswood, indiv and heir to John H & Cora J Hawkswood Estate

Rae Jeree Schulte

Ellen V. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, her agent & a-i-f

Danlel H. Hardle by Steven Kenneth Hardle, his agent & a-i-f

Pete Hardle & Anita Dickinson by Steven Kenneth Hardle, their agent & a-i-f

Steven Kenneth Hardle, Indiv & a-i-f for Bruce K Hardle, Heather Mavandi, Martin C Hardle & Thomas Alan Hardle

Alzada Company Trust

Duchesne County, a Utah body politic

John and Lynda Hagman

Mercides Pekepovits (14-20-H62-6239)

Rhoda Francis Hetrick

Sandra Lee Clark

M. Dee Felter

Dahl Ray Jensen, ind & heir to Marlanne F. Jensen Est

Bonnie Pierce and the Bar F. Partnership

Helen Wymer and husband Willis Allen Wymer and the Bar F. Partnership

Virginia Felter, an individual dealing in her sole and separate property

Dixie Lee Kosec

David G. Felter

Jolle Opsahl, ind & co-trustee of Donald M Yack Family Living Tr Julie M Murdock, ind & trustee of Donald M Yack Family Living Tr Donni Woods, Ind & trustee of Donald M Yack Family Living Tr

Carol Felter Henley

James Kelth Felter

Jasper Lee Felter & wife, Carol Jean Felter

Veeda Marie Collier

Gala Jan Clark

Moon Brothers, LLC by Gwen Taylor, manager

Milton Gale Larsen & Darlene Larsen, h/w & heir to Vera Larsen Est.

Terry Scholes, ind & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd

Kendall L Scholes, ind & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd

Pauline Poullson & Milton T Poulson, w/h and heirs to Vera Larsen Estate

Rae Ann Alldredge, Indiv & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd

Bennie L Scholes, Indiv & heir to Erna & Ron Scholes, dec'd

June L Richardson, ind and heir to Vera Larsen Estate

Gregory Lowe

Michael Lowe

Melinda Lowe

Jeffrey Lowe

Gretchen Lowe

Lillija Lowe

Llisa Lowe

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Poker (Mo-Wits Seah) Jack (14-20-H62-5949)

Paul N Mascarenas

Leroy Amoz Diaz

Angela Rose Diaz

Willamae Shavanaux

Christina Shavanaux Shepard

Jerry Mascarenas

Johnny Diaz

Jody Diaz

Edna Lopez

#### ATTACHMENT "B"

(to STIPULATION; Docket No. 2012-042; Cause No. 139-99)

([Proposed] Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order)

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### STATE OF UTAH

INTERESTS IN THREE DRILLING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD'S ORDERS ENTERED IN  CONC	INDINGS OF FACT, LUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER  Docket No. 2012-042 Cause No. 139-99
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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 4. The following wells have been drilled into and produce from the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations (the "Subject Wells"):
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- b. Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well located in the NE¼SW¼ of subject Section 21. First production occurred on April 8, 2012.
- 5. The minerals in subject Section 21 are owned by the Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Distribution Corporation, three Indian allottees, and numerous fee (private) owners, including the Bonnet Parties, as identified in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.1, 3-C.2, 3-D.1, and 3-D.2. Newfield has leased 93.75 % of the oil and gas minerals in Section 21. All of such leases provide that the lessee may pool the lease with other leases. The only unleased and uncommitted mineral interests in Section 21 are owned by Robert C. Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest), Gary A.

Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest), Larry W. Love (0.015625% mineral interest), and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest) as identified in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.2 and 3-D.2.

- 6. Newfield has unsuccessfully attempted to reach agreement with the Bonnet Parties to either lease their interests or obtain an agreement for such owners to bear their proportionate share of the costs of the Thorne and Alzada Wells.
- 7. Forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands will promote the public interest, increase ultimate recovery, prevent waste, and protect the correlative rights of all owners.
- 8. The weighted average landowner's royalty prescribed by Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(6)(a) is 17.81535 % for subject Section 21, as shown in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 8-C and 8-D.
- 9. An interest charge of the Prime Rate plus 2% to be imposed on outstanding costs and expenses is reasonable. The "Prime Rate" is defined as the prime rate reported by Wells Fargo Bank in Salt Lake City, or, if Wells Fargo ceases to exist or to report a prime rate, then the Prime Rate shall be the prime rate reported by a comparable bank operating in the State of Utah.
- 10. The estimated net plugging and abandoning costs for each Subject Well will be and is \$75,000, based on a 100% working interest ownership.
- 11. There are no written agreements for the pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands.
- 12. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(2)(c)(ii), Newfield and the Bonnet Parties have stipulated that a particular form of the A.A.P.L. Form 610-1989 Model Form Operating Agreement (JOA), a standard form of operating agreement, contains terms which may be adopted as

part of this forced pooling Order to the extent those terms address issues not expressly addressed in this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and are not inconsistent or in conflict with this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5. As stipulated by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties, the JOA provides for a reasonable non-consent penalty in the range from 150% to 300%, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d)(i)(D).

- 13. The risks and costs of drilling and completing each Subject Well support the imposition of a risk compensation nonconsent penalty of between 150% and 300%, as stipulated to by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties. Such a nonconsent penalty is just, fair, and appropriate.
  - 14. The Board's vote to approve Newfield's Request was \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Due and regular notice of the time, place, and purposes of the Board's regularly scheduled May 30, 2013 hearing was given to all interested parties in the form and manner and within the time required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board. Due and regular notice of the filing of the Request was given to all interested parties in the form and manner required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board.
- 2. Pursuant to Sections 40-6-5 and 40-6-6.5 of the Utah Code, the Board has jurisdiction over all of the interested parties and the subject matter of the Request, and has the power and authority to make and issue the order herein set forth.
- 3. Good cause appears to grant the Request regarding the force pooling of the mineral interests and working interests of the Bonnet Parties in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations beneath the Subject Lands, as provided herein.
- 4. Declaring the Subject Wells as the authorized wells for the drilling and spacing units established within the Subject Lands is just and reasonable under the circumstances.

- 5. Newfield has sustained its burden of proof, demonstrated good cause, and satisfied all legal requirements for granting the Request.
- 6. Newfield properly served all mineral interest and working interest owners having legally protected interests, and thereby entitled to notice, by mailing copies of the Request to those owners.
- 7. The Bonnet Parties are "nonconsenting owners," as that term is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-2(11) as relating to the applicable Subject Wells.
- 8. Newfield is the Operator and on behalf of itself is a "consenting owner," as that term is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-2(4), as relating to the applicable Subject Wells.
- 9. A 150% to 300% risk compensation nonconsent penalty, as stipulated to by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties, is appropriate for the Subject Wells.
- 10. The Request and the evidence received and officially noticed by the Board establish the need for forced pooling upon terms that are just and reasonable.
- 11. Given the Tribal and Indian allottee owned minerals in the Subject Lands, a communitization agreement is required to create a proration unit in that section conforming to the Order in Cause No. 139-90. An order force pooling the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising Section 21 is required in order for Newfield to receive approval of a communitization agreement by the appropriate Federal agency pursuant to Federal regulatory guidelines.
- 12. Pooling the interests of all consenting owners with the nonconsenting owners in this Cause will promote the public interest, prevent waste of the oil and gas resources, maximize the potential for ultimate production of those resources, and protect the correlative rights of all owners to their just and equitable shares of the pool in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations.

- The forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising subject Section 21 retroactive to April 8, 2012, the date of first production for the Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well, the first Subject Well completed as a producing well in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, is just and reasonable, and insures all parties will receive their fair and equitable share of production from the Subject Wells.
- 14. Pursuant to U.A.C. Rule R641-108-204, the Board may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed under the Utah Rules of Evidence, of the record or other proceedings before the Board, and of technical or scientific facts within the Board's specialized knowledge. Accordingly, the Board is authorized to take official notice of the Prior Order, the record in this Cause, and its official well files regarding the Subject Wells.

#### **ORDER**

Based upon the Request, the Stipulation, and the findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated above, it is therefore ordered that:

- 1. Newfield's Request seeking forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' mineral interests in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations beneath the Subject Lands is granted.
- 2. The Subject Wells as described in Finding of Fact No. 4 herein are hereby designated as the authorized wells for the drilling and spacing unit comprising the Subject Lands established by the Order in Cause No. 139-90.
- 3. Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, Larry W. Love, and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet, deceased, are "Nonconsenting Owners" as such term is defined in Section 40-6-2(11) of the Utah Code.

- 4. Newfield is a "Consenting Owner" as that term is defined in Section 40-6-2(4) of the Utah Code.
- 5. Operations incident to the drilling of a designated unit well upon any part of the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands established by the Board's Order in Cause No. 139-90 shall be deemed for all purposes to be operations upon each separately owned tract in the drilling unit.
- 6. The portion of production allocated or applicable to a separately owned tract within the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands shall, when produced, be deemed for all purposes to have been produced from that tract by a well drilled on it.
- 7. The interests of all parties in this Cause subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, specifically including each Nonconsenting Owner, are pooled retroactively to April 8, 2012, the date of first production for the Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well, the first Subject Well completed as a producing well in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands.
- 8. Each owner of an interest within a drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands shall pay his allocated share of the costs incurred in drilling and operating an applicable Subject Well, including, but not limited to, the costs of drilling, completing, equipping, producing, gathering, transporting, processing, marketing, storage facilities, reasonable charges for administration and supervision of operations, and other costs customarily incurred in the industry, the accounting for which shall be governed by the terms of the JOA.
- 9. Each Nonconsenting Owner's interest in a Subject Well shall be deemed relinquished to the Consenting Owners in such well during the period of payout for the well as provided in Utah Code Ann. §§ 40-6-6.5(4)(b) and -6.5(8).

- During such payout period for the Subject Wells, Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, Larry W. Love, and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet, deceased, shall receive as a Nonconsenting Owner a 17.81535% royalty as the landowner's royalty attributable to the drilling and spacing unit comprising subject Section 21. The landowner's royalty shall be paid to such Nonconsenting Owners until such time as the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' shares of costs, the Nonconsent Penalty, and applicable interest charges have been fully recouped from the applicable Subject Well, as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and in this Order.
- 11. Newfield, as Operator of a Subject Well, shall furnish each Nonconsenting Owner owning an interest in the applicable Subject Well with a monthly statement regarding the Subject Well specifying: (i) the costs incurred; (ii) the quantity of oil or gas produced; and (iii) the amount of oil and gas proceeds realized from the sale of the production during the preceding month.
- 12. Payout occurs when the Consenting Owners who participate in the costs of drilling and completing a Subject Well in a drilling unit recoup from the Nonconsenting Owners the Nonconsenting Owners' share of the costs and expenses of drilling and completing each applicable Subject Well, together with the nonconsent penalty and interest, as provided for herein and under Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d).
- 13. The interest rate as permitted by Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d)(iii) is set to the prime rate, as set by Wells Fargo Bank in Salt Lake City, plus 2%, or if Wells Fargo Bank ceases to exist or to report a prime rate, then the prime rate shall be the prime rate reported by a comparable bank operating in the State of Utah.

- 14. Each applicable Nonconsenting Owner shall pay, out of its share of production, its proportionate share of the net costs of plugging and abandoning each applicable Subject Well, which will be and is \$75,000 per well.
- 15. In calculating the division of interest for each Nonconsenting Owner, the landowner's royalty shall be proportionately reduced in the ratio that the Nonconsenting Owner's interest bears to (a) the total interest in the tract and (b) further reduced in the ratio that the tract acres bear to the total acreage in the drilling unit.
- Subject Well the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' share of the costs of locating, drilling, completing and other costs as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d) for the well together with the nonconsent penalty and applicable interest charges as provided herein, the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' relinquished interest shall automatically revert to it, and the Nonconsenting Owner shall from that time forward own the same interest in the pertinent Subject Well and the production from it, and shall be liable for further costs of operation, as if such owner had participated in the initial drilling and completion operations. Costs of operations after payout attributable to a Nonconsenting Owner shall be paid out of production.
- 17. Under any circumstances where a Nonconsenting Owner has relinquished its share of production to the applicable Consenting Owners or at any time fails to take its share of production in-kind when it is entitled to do so, the Nonconsenting Owner is entitled to an accounting of the oil and gas proceeds applicable to its relinquished share of production; and payment of the oil and gas proceeds applicable to that share of production not taken in-kind, net of cost.

- Owners and Nonconsenting Owners as to all matters not expressly identified in this Order and Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and to the extent they are not inconsistent or in conflict with this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5. In the event any of the terms of the JOA shall conflict with the terms of this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5, the terms of the statute or this Order, as applicable, shall control.
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- 21. This Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order ("Order") is based exclusively on evidence of record in the adjudicative proceeding or on facts officially noted, and constitutes the signed written order stating the Board's decision and the reasons for the decision, all as required by the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-208 and U.A.C. Rule R641-109.
- 22. Notice re Right to Seek Judicial Review by the Utah Supreme Court or to Request Board Reconsideration: The Board hereby notifies all parties in interest that they have the right to seek judicial review of this final Board Order in this formal adjudication by filing a timely appeal with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after the date that this Order is issued. Utah

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DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2013.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

By			
V	T. Jensen,	Chairman	

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# **EXHIBIT B**

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JUN 1 2 2013

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING

#### STATE OF UTAH

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[T]he interval from the top of the Lower Green River formation (TGR<sub>3</sub> marker) to the base of the Green River-Wasatch formations (top of Cretaceous), which base is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the Dual Induction Log depths of 16,720 feet in the Shell-Ute 1-18B5 well located in the S½NE¼ of Section 18, Township 2 South, Range 5 West, U.S.M., and 16,970 feet in the Shell-Brotherson 1-11B4 well located in the S½NE¼ of Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, U.S.M.

for all of subject Section 21. The Order in Cause No. 139-90 authorized up to four producing Lower Green River and Wasatch formation wells, whether all vertical, all horizontal, or a combination of both, upon the drilling unit in subject Section 21, provided that no such well be closer than 1,320 feet from an existing well completed in and producing from the formations and no closer than 660 feet from the drilling unit boundary.

- 4. The following wells have been drilled into and produce from the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations (the "Subject Wells"):
- a. Thorne #4-21-3-2WH Well whose surface location is in the  $NW^{1}/4NW^{1}/4$  of subject Section 21, and whose bottomhole location is in the  $SW^{1}/4SW^{1}/4$  of that section. First production occurred on May 27, 2012.
- b. Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well located in the NE½SW¼ of subject Section 21. First production occurred on April 8, 2012.
- 5. The minerals in subject Section 21 are owned by the Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Distribution Corporation, three Indian allottees, and numerous fee (private) owners, including the Bonnet Parties, as identified in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.1, 3-C.2, 3-D.1, and 3-D.2. Newfield has leased 93.75 % of the oil and gas minerals in Section 21. All of such leases provide that the lessee may pool the lease with other leases. The only unleased and uncommitted mineral interests in Section 21 are owned by Robert C. Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest), Gary A.

Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest), Larry W. Love (0.015625% mineral interest), and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet (0.015625% mineral interest) as identified in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 3-C.2 and 3-D.2.

- 6. Newfield has unsuccessfully attempted to reach agreement with the Bonnet Parties to either lease their interests or obtain an agreement for such owners to bear their proportionate share of the costs of the Thorne and Alzada Wells.
- 7. Forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands will promote the public interest, increase ultimate recovery, prevent waste, and protect the correlative rights of all owners.
- 8. The weighted average landowner's royalty prescribed by Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(6)(a) is 17.81535 % for subject Section 21, as shown in Newfield's Revised Land Exhibits 8-C and 8-D.
- 9. An interest charge of the Prime Rate plus 2% to be imposed on outstanding costs and expenses is reasonable. The "Prime Rate" is defined as the prime rate reported by Wells Fargo Bank in Salt Lake City, or, if Wells Fargo ceases to exist or to report a prime rate, then the Prime Rate shall be the prime rate reported by a comparable bank operating in the State of Utah.
- 10. The estimated net plugging and abandoning costs for each Subject Well will be and is \$75,000, based on a 100% working interest ownership.
- 11. There are no written agreements for the pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands.
- 12. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(2)(c)(ii), Newfield and the Bonnet Parties have stipulated that a particular form of the A.A.P.L. Form 610-1989 Model Form Operating Agreement (JOA), a standard form of operating agreement, contains terms which may be adopted as

part of this forced pooling Order to the extent those terms address issues not expressly addressed in this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and are not inconsistent or in conflict with this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5. As stipulated by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties, the JOA provides for a reasonable non-consent penalty in the range from 150% to 300%, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d)(i)(D).

- 13. The risks and costs of drilling and completing each Subject Well support the imposition of a risk compensation nonconsent penalty of between 150% and 300%, as stipulated to by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties. Such a nonconsent penalty is just, fair, and appropriate.
  - 14. The Board's vote to approve Newfield's Request was unanimous.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Due and regular notice of the time, place, and purposes of the Board's regularly scheduled May 30, 2013 hearing was given to all interested parties in the form and manner and within the time required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board. Due and regular notice of the filing of the Request was given to all interested parties in the form and manner required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board.
- 2. Pursuant to Sections 40-6-5 and 40-6-6.5 of the Utah Code, the Board has jurisdiction over all of the interested parties and the subject matter of the Request, and has the power and authority to make and issue the order herein set forth.
- 3. Good cause appears to grant the Request regarding the force pooling of the mineral interests and working interests of the Bonnet Parties in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations beneath the Subject Lands, as provided herein.
- 4. Declaring the Subject Wells as the authorized wells for the drilling and spacing units established within the Subject Lands is just and reasonable under the circumstances.

- 5. Newfield has sustained its burden of proof, demonstrated good cause, and satisfied all legal requirements for granting the Request.
- 6. Newfield properly served all mineral interest and working interest owners having legally protected interests, and thereby entitled to notice, by mailing copies of the Request to those owners.
- 7. The Bonnet Parties are "nonconsenting owners," as that term is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-2(11) as relating to the applicable Subject Wells.
- 8. Newfield is the Operator and on behalf of itself is a "consenting owner," as that term is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-2(4), as relating to the applicable Subject Wells.
- 9. A 150% to 300% risk compensation nonconsent penalty, as stipulated to by Newfield and the Bonnet Parties, is appropriate for the Subject Wells.
- 10. The Request and the evidence received and officially noticed by the Board establish the need for forced pooling upon terms that are just and reasonable.
- 11. Given the Tribal and Indian allottee owned minerals in the Subject Lands, a communitization agreement is required to create a proration unit in that section conforming to the Order in Cause No. 139-90. An order force pooling the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising Section 21 is required in order for Newfield to receive approval of a communitization agreement by the appropriate Federal agency pursuant to Federal regulatory guidelines.
- 12. Pooling the interests of all consenting owners with the nonconsenting owners in this Cause will promote the public interest, prevent waste of the oil and gas resources, maximize the potential for ultimate production of those resources, and protect the correlative rights of all owners to their just and equitable shares of the pool in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations.

- The forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' interests in the drilling unit comprising subject Section 21 retroactive to April 8, 2012, the date of first production for the Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well, the first Subject Well completed as a producing well in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, is just and reasonable, and insures all parties will receive their fair and equitable share of production from the Subject Wells.
- 14. Pursuant to U.A.C. Rule R641-108-204, the Board may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed under the Utah Rules of Evidence, of the record or other proceedings before the Board, and of technical or scientific facts within the Board's specialized knowledge. Accordingly, the Board is authorized to take official notice of the Prior Order, the record in this Cause, and its official well files regarding the Subject Wells.

#### **ORDER**

Based upon the Request, the Stipulation, and the findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated above, it is therefore ordered that:

- 1. Newfield's Request seeking forced pooling of the Bonnet Parties' mineral interests in the Lower Green River and Wasatch formations beneath the Subject Lands is granted.
- 2. The Subject Wells as described in Finding of Fact No. 4 herein are hereby designated as the authorized wells for the drilling and spacing unit comprising the Subject Lands established by the Order in Cause No. 139-90.
- 3. Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, Larry W. Love, and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet, deceased, are "Nonconsenting Owners" as such term is defined in Section 40-6-2(11) of the Utah Code.

- 4. Newfield is a "Consenting Owner" as that term is defined in Section 40-6-2(4) of the Utah Code.
- 5. Operations incident to the drilling of a designated unit well upon any part of the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands established by the Board's Order in Cause No. 139-90 shall be deemed for all purposes to be operations upon each separately owned tract in the drilling unit.
- 6. The portion of production allocated or applicable to a separately owned tract within the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands shall, when produced, be deemed for all purposes to have been produced from that tract by a well drilled on it.
- 7. The interests of all parties in this Cause subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, specifically including each Nonconsenting Owner, are pooled retroactively to April 8, 2012, the date of first production for the Alzada #11-21-3-2W Well, the first Subject Well completed as a producing well in the drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands.
- 8. Each owner of an interest within a drilling unit comprising the Subject Lands shall pay his allocated share of the costs incurred in drilling and operating an applicable Subject Well, including, but not limited to, the costs of drilling, completing, equipping, producing, gathering, transporting, processing, marketing, storage facilities, reasonable charges for administration and supervision of operations, and other costs customarily incurred in the industry, the accounting for which shall be governed by the terms of the JOA.
- 9. Each Nonconsenting Owner's interest in a Subject Well shall be deemed relinquished to the Consenting Owners in such well during the period of payout for the well as provided in Utah Code Ann. §§ 40-6-6.5(4)(b) and -6.5(8).

- During such payout period for the Subject Wells, Robert C. Bonnet, Gary A. Bonnet, Larry W. Love, and Gary A. Bonnet, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen K. Bonnet, deceased, shall receive as a Nonconsenting Owner a 17.81535% royalty as the landowner's royalty attributable to the drilling and spacing unit comprising subject Section 21. The landowner's royalty shall be paid to such Nonconsenting Owners until such time as the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' shares of costs, the Nonconsent Penalty, and applicable interest charges have been fully recouped from the applicable Subject Well, as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and in this Order.
- 11. Newfield, as Operator of a Subject Well, shall furnish each Nonconsenting Owner owning an interest in the applicable Subject Well with a monthly statement regarding the Subject Well specifying: (i) the costs incurred; (ii) the quantity of oil or gas produced; and (iii) the amount of oil and gas proceeds realized from the sale of the production during the preceding month.
- 12. Payout occurs when the Consenting Owners who participate in the costs of drilling and completing a Subject Well in a drilling unit recoup from the Nonconsenting Owners the Nonconsenting Owners' share of the costs and expenses of drilling and completing each applicable Subject Well, together with the nonconsent penalty and interest, as provided for herein and under Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d).
- 13. The interest rate as permitted by Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d)(iii) is set to the prime rate, as set by Wells Fargo Bank in Salt Lake City, plus 2%, or if Wells Fargo Bank ceases to exist or to report a prime rate, then the prime rate shall be the prime rate reported by a comparable bank operating in the State of Utah.

- 14. Each applicable Nonconsenting Owner shall pay, out of its share of production, its proportionate share of the net costs of plugging and abandoning each applicable Subject Well, which will be and is \$75,000 per well.
- 15. In calculating the division of interest for each Nonconsenting Owner, the landowner's royalty shall be proportionately reduced in the ratio that the Nonconsenting Owner's interest bears to (a) the total interest in the tract and (b) further reduced in the ratio that the tract acres bear to the total acreage in the drilling unit.
- Subject Well the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' share of the costs of locating, drilling, completing and other costs as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4)(d) for the well together with the nonconsent penalty and applicable interest charges as provided herein, the applicable Nonconsenting Owners' relinquished interest shall automatically revert to it, and the Nonconsenting Owner shall from that time forward own the same interest in the pertinent Subject Well and the production from it, and shall be liable for further costs of operation, as if such owner had participated in the initial drilling and completion operations. Costs of operations after payout attributable to a Nonconsenting Owner shall be paid out of production.
- 17. Under any circumstances where a Nonconsenting Owner has relinquished its share of production to the applicable Consenting Owners or at any time fails to take its share of production in-kind when it is entitled to do so, the Nonconsenting Owner is entitled to an accounting of the oil and gas proceeds applicable to its relinquished share of production; and payment of the oil and gas proceeds applicable to that share of production not taken in-kind, net of cost.

- Owners and Nonconsenting Owners as to all matters not expressly identified in this Order and Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5 and to the extent they are not inconsistent or in conflict with this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5. In the event any of the terms of the JOA shall conflict with the terms of this Order or Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5, the terms of the statute or this Order, as applicable, shall control.
- JOA) is proposed and conducted, the Bonnet Parties shall be Nonconsenting Owners as provided herein regarding such subsequent operations, and all of the provisions of this Order regarding the resumption of the landowners' royalty for the Nonconsenting Owners, the relinquishment and reversion of the Nonconsenting Owners' interests and recoupment of the costs of such subsequent operations shall apply, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-6.5(4) and (6).
- 20. Pursuant to U.A.C. Rules R641 and Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-204 to -208, the Board has considered and decided this matter as a formal adjudication.
- 21. This Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order ("Order") is based exclusively on evidence of record in the adjudicative proceeding or on facts officially noted, and constitutes the signed written order stating the Board's decision and the reasons for the decision, all as required by the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-208 and U.A.C. Rule R641-109.
- 22. <u>Notice re Right to Seek Judicial Review by the Utah Supreme Court or to Request Board Reconsideration</u>: The Board hereby notifies all parties in interest that they have the right to seek judicial review of this final Board Order in this formal adjudication by filing a timely appeal with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after the date that this Order is issued. Utah

Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401(3)(a) and -403. As an alternative to seeking immediate judicial review, and not as a prerequisite to seeking judicial review, the Board also hereby notifies parties that they may elect to request that the Board reconsider this Order, which constitutes a final agency action of the Board. Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-302, entitled "Agency Review—Reconsideration," provides:

- (1)(a) Within 20 days after the date that an order is issued for which review by the agency or by a superior agency under Section 63G-4-301 is unavailable, and if the order would otherwise constitute final agency action, any party may file a written request for reconsideration with the agency, stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided by statute, the filing of the request is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review of the order.
- (2) The request for reconsideration shall be filed with the agency and one copy shall be sent by mail to each party by the person making the request.
- (3)(a) The agency head, or a person designated for that purpose, shall issue a written order granting the request or denying the request.
- (b) If the agency head or the person designated for that purpose does not issue an order within 20 days after the filing of the request, the request for reconsideration shall be considered to be denied.

<u>Id</u>. The Board also hereby notifies the parties that Utah Administrative Code Rule R641-110-100, which is part of a group of Board rules entitled, "Rehearing and Modification of Existing Orders," states:

Any person affected by a final order or decision of the Board may file a petition for rehearing. Unless otherwise provided, a petition for rehearing must be filed no later than the 10th day of the month following the date of signing of the final order or decision for which the rehearing is sought. A copy of such petition will be served on each other party to the proceeding no later than the 15th day of that month.

<u>Id</u>. See Utah Admin. Code R641-110-200 for the required contents of a petition for rehearing. If there is any conflict between the deadline in Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-302 and the deadline in Utah

Admin. Code R641-110-100 for moving to rehear this matter, the Board hereby rules that the later of the two deadlines shall be available to any party moving to rehear this matter. If the Board later denies a timely petition for rehearing, the party may still seek judicial review of the Order by perfecting a timely appeal with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter.

- 23. The Board retains continuing jurisdiction over all the parties and over the subject matter of this Cause, except to the extent said jurisdiction may be divested by the filing of a timely appeal to seek judicial review of this Order by the Utah Supreme Court.
- 24. For all purposes, the Chairman's signature on a faxed copy of this Order shall be deemed the equivalent of a signed original.

DATED this 12 day of June, 2013.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

James T. Jensen, Chairman

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### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of June, 2013, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **FINDINGS OF FACT**, **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**, **AND ORDER** to be served via E-Mail or U.S. Mail, properly addressed with postage prepaid, upon each of the following:

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